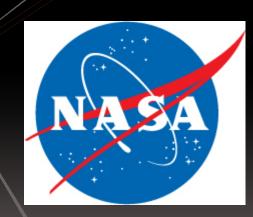
Social Networking and Collaboration at JPL

By Luke Dahl Jet Propulsion Laboratory, California Institute of Technology

- Manager, Collaborative Engineering and Development Group
- Responsible for social networking and collaboration Software as a Service offering
- Been with JPL for 13 years



JPL is part of both NASA and Caltech

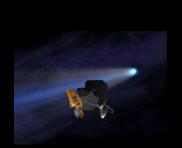
- JPL is a Federally Funded Research and Development Center (FFRDC)
 Managed by CalTech for NASA
- NASA's lead center for robotic exploration of the solar system. Have 19 spacecraft and 9 instruments across the solar system and beyond
- \$1.7B contract per year, ~ 5,000 employees; 177 acre facility located in Pasadena, CA, with 670K sq. ft. of office space and 900K sq.ft. of labs



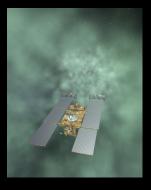


- Manages worldwide Deep Space Network
 - 3 Locations Goldstone CA, Madrid Spain, Canberra Australia
 - Spacecraft Command & Control Recording scientific data
- 50+ years experience in spacecraft design, production, operation
- JPL spacecraft have visited all planets in our solar system except Pluto!

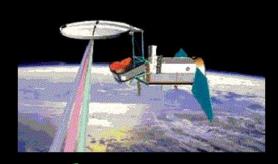
Near Term Mars & Solar System Exploration Events



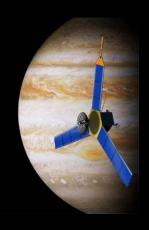
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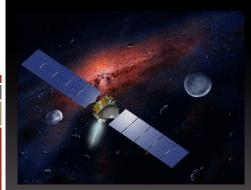
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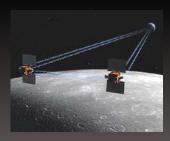
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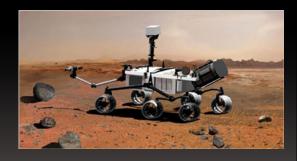
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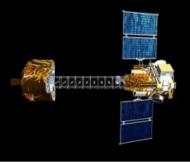
Dawn Vesta Arrival August 2011 (Ceres, February 2015)



GRAIL September 2011



Mars Science Laboratory
November 2011



NuSTAR January 2012

Key Takeaways

- Look past the hype around "social" for business relevance and value
- Individuals struggle to manage their view of enterprise information
- Social platforms are key enablers but are just a start
- Solving collaboration is key to success

Agenda

- The Opportunity: No central place for information
- Building the right architecture
- Lessons learned
- Alignment with an enterprise strategy

"If I can't keep up with what's happening, how am I expected to collaborate?"

Opportunity: No central place for information

Lab-wide Content

- Lab news
- Lab events
- Lab announcements

Org Level Content

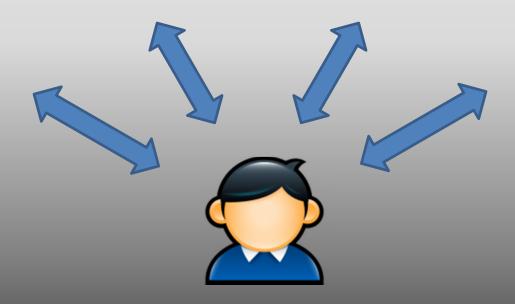
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Project Content

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- Project events
- Project announcements
- Project collaboration

Functional Content

- News
- Events
- Announcements



Search is not the silver bullet

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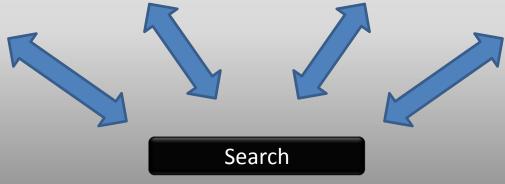
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Drawbacks:

- Limited link economy
- Minimal page rank effectiveness
- Limited discovery
- Data rich, information poor
- Results not personalized

Hub-and-spoke (Web Portal)

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Org news

Loose ties to other sources

- Org events
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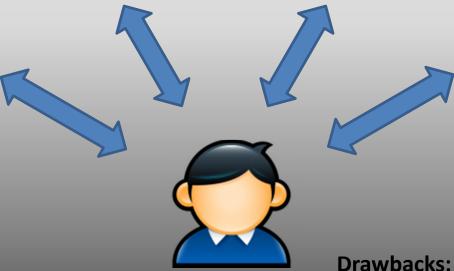
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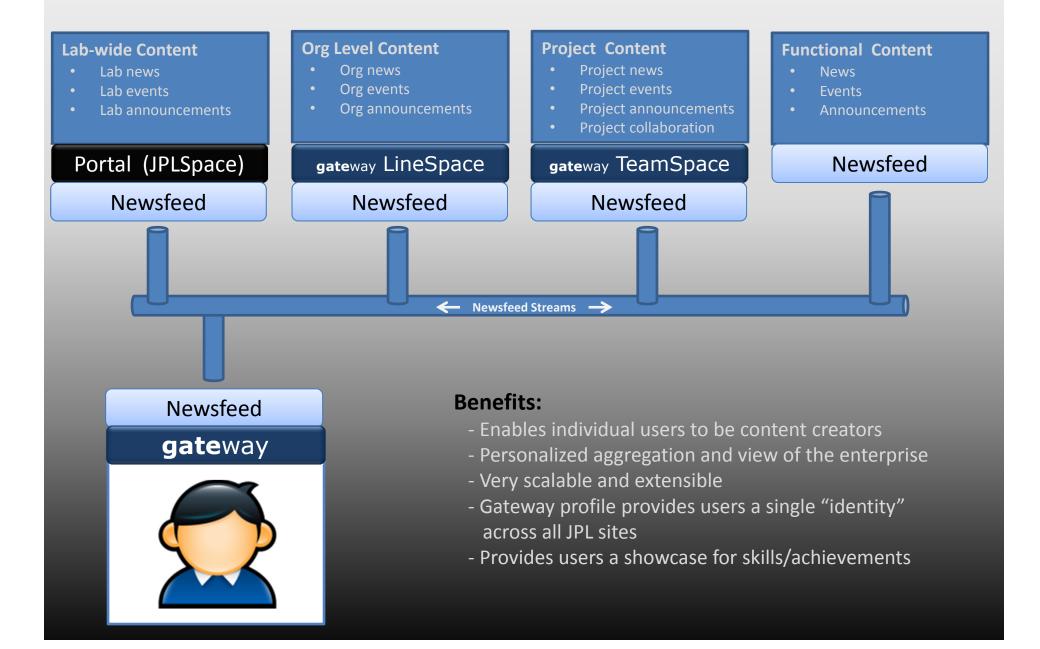
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Portal

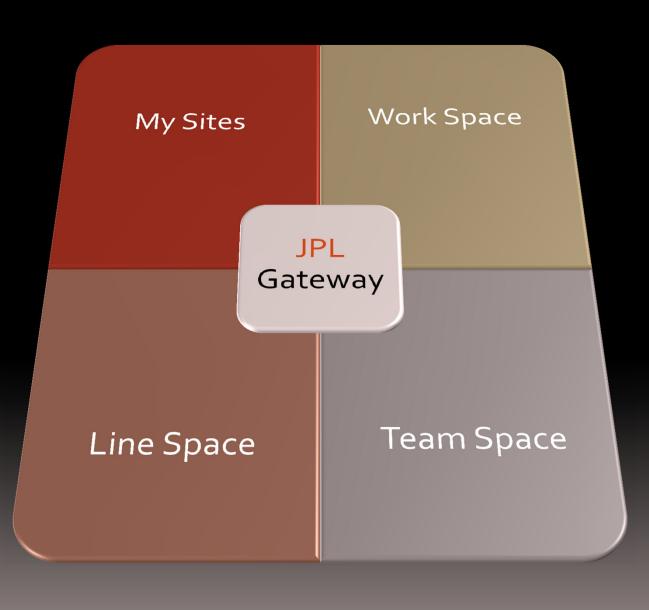


- Information bottleneck
- Portal must manually maintain links
- Does not scale with content growth
- Does not scale with content sources
- Cumbersome for content creators
- Users still have no central site

Peer-to-Peer (Distributed)



The Architecture

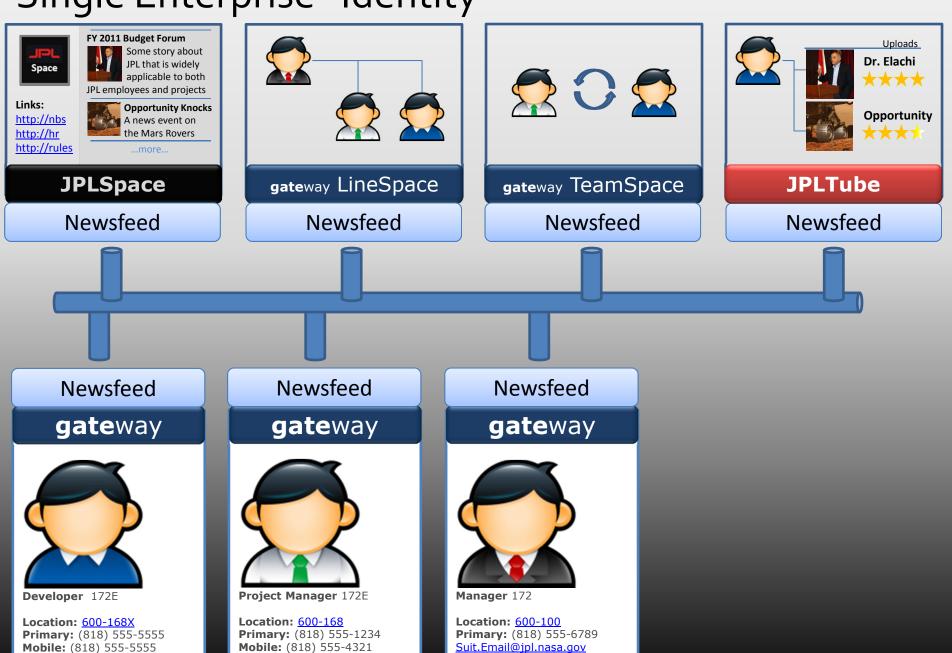


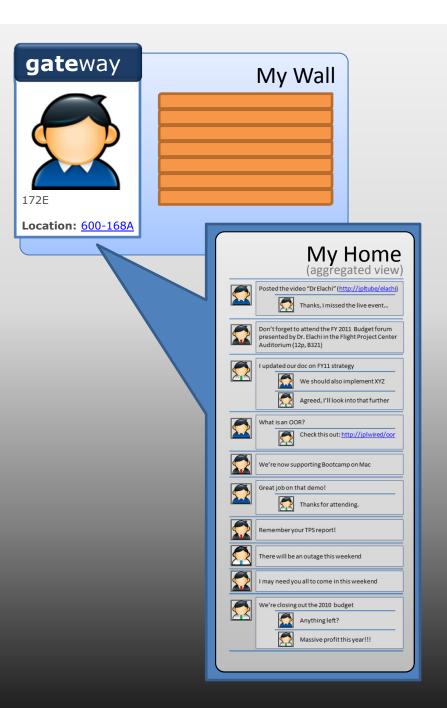
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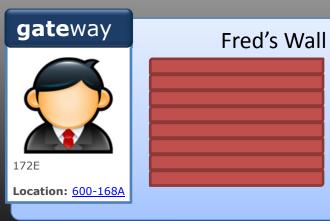
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Scalable and Extensible



Newsfeed











Responsibilities: Developer,

Skills: SharePoint 2010, .NET,

Project Mgmt, Data Architect

Deadly Good Looks









This is a headline from any site
Another headline from this site
This is a news headline

Lessons Learned

- Determine how to measure value
 - Accept it may be difficult to quantify ROI for social networking
 - Start by defining appropriate usage metrics
 - Site hits
 - Content uploaded, edited, shared
 - Unique users
 - Adoption rate
 - Measure, Analyze and Act
- Acknowledge the following:
 - Deploying capabilities doesn't define success enabling communication does
 - Benefits aren't realized overnight
 - Not everyone is interested in social networking don't make it a requirement to collaborate

Lessons Learned (cont.)

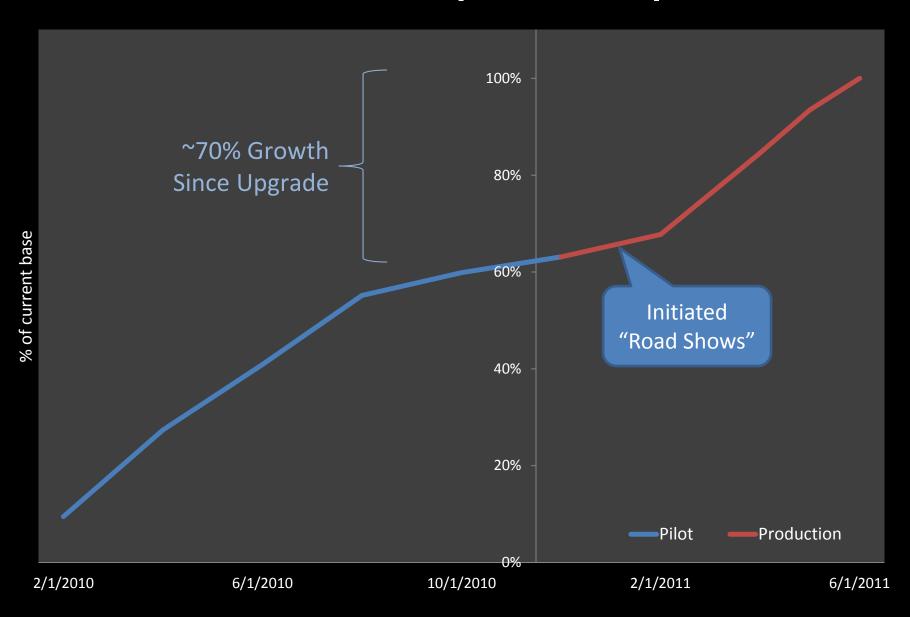
Marketing

- Facebook-style social networking is often frowned upon, LinkedIn has a more positive connotation in the workplace
- Market the effort on solving collaboration needs over social networking to diminish any negative perceptions
- Foster a sense of community through branding it to your organization (e.g. JPL Gateway)
- Develop a road show

Ease Of Use

- Implement one-click processing to get started
- Automate information reuse wherever possible
- Standardize the public profile pages, team areas, etc. to reduce confusion when navigating between areas
- Provide excellent help areas and tutorials

JPL Gateway User Adoption



Lessons Learned (cont.)

- Training
 - Concierge Support
 - E-Learning Courses
 - Video and quick start guides
 - In-house and outsourced training
 - Online-based "Help Center"
 - Technology Demos and Road Shows

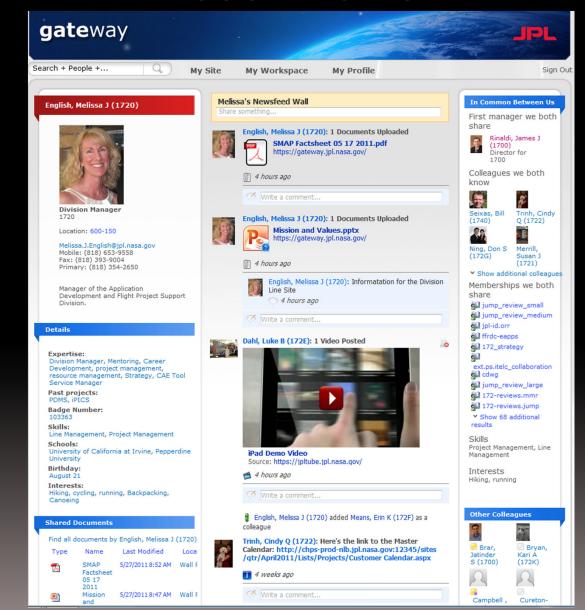
Strategic Alignment

- Information management
 - Approaching a Drag + Drop + Sync + Share environment
 - Governance applied and enforced through the Software as a Service solution
- To leverage core features of the Platform as a Service architecture
 - Search
 - Scalability/Elasticity/Performance
 - Workflow
 - Design/End-User Experience
 - Real-Time Collaboration
 - Records Management

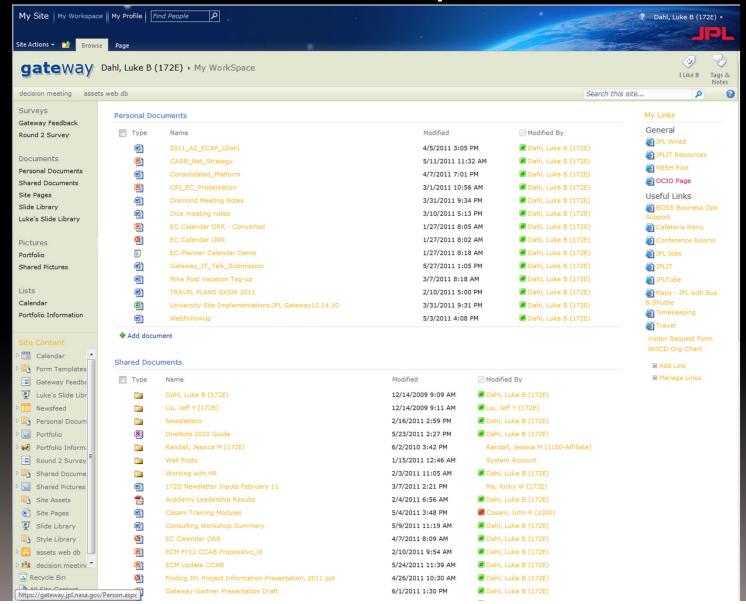
User My Site



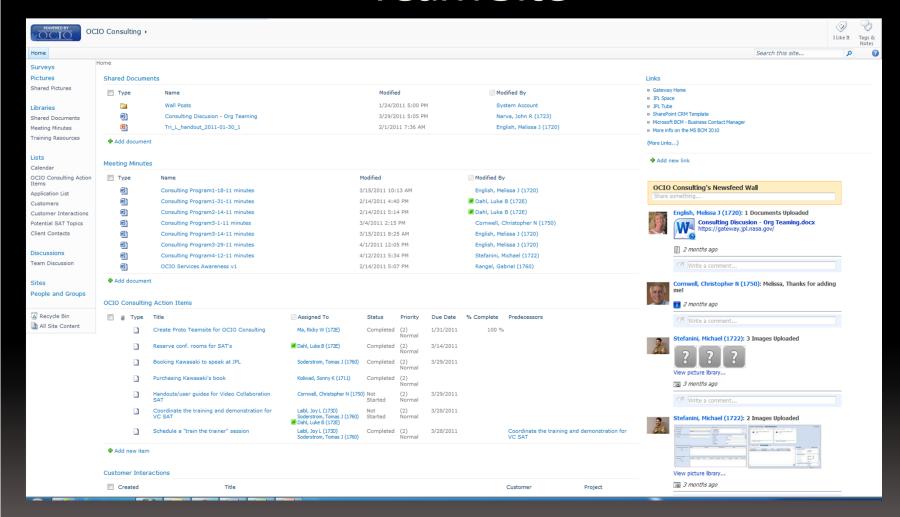
User Profile



User Work Space



Team Site



Questions?